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OUR POLAR SUCCESS.

The comments of the intelligent press of the country, provoked by the official examination of the ice-foe heroes of the Polar crew, show a unanimous belief that the late Polar expedition, so far as it progressed toward the completion of its object, was an unqualified success.

The men are joined, in their columns, in our admiration, in their columns, we find declarations that it was a failure, but they are rather prompted by personal and political malice, or arise from a neglect to analyze even the meager details of the voyage that have been made public. The truth is that America has accomplished more within the past two years toward a full elucidation of the Polar mystery than the combined efforts of the civilized world have for generations, or from the beginning of Frost's time.

The theory of the influence of the introduction of animal and vegetable life in higher latitudes than the eye of white man ever gazed upon, before is alone sufficient to recompose us for our loss in the enterprise, as it shows the possibility of greater success than has yet been reached in the solution of the Polar problem. But added to this are facts which furnish data on which to base calculations relative to the puzzling secrets of science which are invaluable to the scientist, and which may yet create a revolution in meteorology, and in astrology.

It is now known that the sun has been discovered, and that the popular expectation regarding the North Pole may be disappointed; but it is, nevertheless, an undisputed fact that the data at hand adds immensely to the resources on which are based the estimates and prognostications of the scientific world. Secretary Robeson's report, indeed, as it is deservedly, is Prof. Baird, who has made the subject an especial study, will therefore attract considerable attention, and the results of astronomical science are discussed. In short, on such meager information as may be found in the cursory statements and observations of Capt. Tyson and Sergeant Meyers oftentimes reside the germ of miraculous scientific developments. But it is fair to presume, from the record of Meyers' observation in the high latitude reached by the Polars, as well as Capt. Hall's last dispatch, that only the unfortunate death of the latter prevented a complete realization of popular expectation by the fact that a companion of Hall's unopposed success with the records of explorations which have been made on what we call the other side of the world will show that a comparatively short space interval existed between the two respective highest latitudes.

SPAIN AND CUBA.

Our exchanges indicate the rapid growth of our feelings throughout the country towards the Government of Spain, an impatience to see the day when the Department of State has been compelled to submit to it in its efforts to obtain a settlement of pending differences, which is only temporized by the natural sympathy of our people with the struggle for republican supremacy now progressing in that country. Recent occurrences have attracted especial attention to the condition of affairs in Cuba, and the almost unanimous verdict is that the patriots of the island, after five years of war, during which the home government has failed to maintain its own, are entitled to a better recognition of their rights.

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Statistics are readily found to show that unfair and discriminating regulations are maintained against American commerce, while the published records of the Department are quiet to say that the Spanish Government has resorted to every conceivable means to continue this manifest injustice. Further, the history of our late war is replete with incidents to prove the unkindness of Spain in the time of our most earnest need. The attempt to place Maximilian as Emperor and ruler of the Mexican people is not the least of these, and is made the theme of numerous editorials to show that a recognition of President Cope's claim to the Mexican throne is warranted by Spanish precedent.

Our Government is actuated by motives of a pure and independent desire to conform its policy to the equities of the case as viewed from an unprejudiced international standpoint. We cannot afford to destroy, in response to our sympathetic impulses, the record of generations in which we have preserved a consistent refusal to take part in the intestine, or even the national quarrels of our neighbors. We were compelled by the same consistency of policy to object to the efforts of Maximilian to establish an empire in our countries, and we have no present cause for direct interference in behalf of the Cuban patriots. Nevertheless, it must be acknowledged that the growing disfavor toward Spain may result in a demand from our people to so change our life-long policy of neutrality to popular government as to include warm encouragement for republican rule wherever and whenever it may be taken. There is a logic in this which is plain and which has already been applied to Spain in the prompt recognition of the republic in that country. It is remarkable that with the indecision of imperial rebels and royalist pretenders in the semi-independent state, we may yet force our loyalty to the republic of Spain, and be willingly persuaded to accept a new and advantageous change? The alleged instability of the Madrid government, added to its bad faith, as exhibited in its intercourse with us, is constantly advanced as an argument against our present policy. At the same time it is conceded that the native Cubans, having contributed more than they have been proportionately able, to the support of the Spanish Government, are entitled to the same kind of encouragement that was accorded to the imperial rebels when they assumed the over-task of throwing Britain into Boston harbor.

It is evident, from this hurried statement, that our relations with Spain, improved in their friendliness, as they are, by constantly recurring instances of outrage against American citizens, are getting to be complicated, and it is known that they demand the most serious attention. In other words, while adhering implicitly and patiently to the line of duty as prescribed by law and precedent, our State Department is constantly harassed by influences of a contrary pur-

of party, and when the proper time arrives will necessarily endeavor to make a selection which will meet with general approval. It is therefore probable that the aspirations of those who are interested in the advancement of politicians, who may or may not be on the bench at this time, will be disappointed.

We present a map of the Polar region yesterday, which exhibited every point of interest alluded to in the accompanying report from Secretary Robeson, inclosing even "Thank God Harbor" and Northumberland Island. Contemporaneously with this illustration of our customary success in attempts to serve our countrymen with the completed requirements of modern journalism there appeared another map, in the columns of the Chronicle, the dark background of which suggested the possibility that the delineator did his work during the hours of gloom of night, night which each year shrouds the Polar seas.

The latter did not include the point at which the separation of the Ice-foe party from the Polars occurred, and placed Cape Union below the highest latitude that has yet been reached by civilized explorers. Thus does ignorance and its vanishing ambition to accomplish the impossible and compete with intelligence overreach itself. The next time our contemporary essay such an effort, we hope it will call upon our generosity, and we will lend to it, even after "6 o'clock," some of our superabundant facilities, with which to produce a correct and reliable design.

PRESIDENT GRANT left for Long Branch last night, and will probably not return to Washington for two weeks. In the meantime the first of July will have arrived, the date at which certain Cabinet changes, according to newspapers, are to occur. There is the best authority for the statement that none of these anticipated changes will take place.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL NOTES. James Ingelow does her writing before breakfast.

Lucy Stone's husband has bought a farm and dairy.

The Mason bar have dined Hon. Herschel V. Johnson.

GENEVA, NEW YORK. Mrs. B. L. is recovering at Clinton, New York.

The New Journal would rather "retire" than be buried.

Mr. ANTHONY TROLLOPE'S last novel will be called "Palmer Heide."

LADON LEEZ is to have a monument memorial in Darmstadt, his birthplace.

The Toledo Blade suggests a competitive examination for State Justice.

Mr. BALDWIN, of Danbury, says, "I do not like myself. I am married."

Mrs. MARY L. is the name of Olive Legion's newest son.

AUGUST BLAIC, the famous Edinburgh publisher, has retired from business, at the age of 90.

The PRINCE OF WALES will again visit Vienna this summer.

Mrs. MARY, of Canton, III., aged six years, has never once run on the piano after hearing it once.

FATHER HATCHET has declined the invitation of the Old Catholic of Geneva to become their representative.

Since his three-column letter on Virginia politics and things, Henry A. Wise is pronounced wise.

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